



Information Bulletin

Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois

Employment of CTRF and SURS Annuitants in TRS-Covered Positions

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Overview

On July 6, 2000, Governor Ryan signed House Bill 1583 (Public Act 91-887). This bill allows annuitants of the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago (CTRF) and the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) to be employed by a TRS employer in a TRS-covered position with no post-retirement employment restrictions, suspension of benefits, or reduction in benefits.

Annuitants retiring under the reciprocal act

If the annuitant retired under the Illinois Retirement Systems Reciprocal Act from another system in addition to CTRF or SURS, he or she must still adhere to the post-retirement employment limitations of the other retirement system from which he or she is receiving a retirement benefit.

For example, if a school district hires an annuitant who retired under the reciprocal act from CTRF and TRS, the annuitant is still limited to TRS' post-retirement limitations of 100 paid days or 500 paid hours per school year.

TRS membership

Even though a CTRF annuitant may now be employed in a TRS-covered position without restriction or suspension of benefits, membership in TRS has not changed. A CTRF annuitant becomes a member of TRS only after 100 days or 500 hours of work in a TRS-covered position. Therefore, a CTRF annuitant becomes a member of TRS and contributions must be remitted on the 101st day or 501st hour of TRS-covered employment.

However, if a SURS annuitant is employed in a TRS-covered position, he or she becomes a member of TRS and contributions must be remitted beginning on the first day of TRS-covered employment.

Questions

If you have questions about this change, please contact our Member Services Division at the telephone number or e-mail addresses below.

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